Telephones Tapping In each State

3538. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3137 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd August, 2000 and state:

(a) the number of telephones being tapped in each State;

(b) the number of Mobile phones being tapped in each State; and

(c) whether the guidelines laid down by the Supreme Court are being observed in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) In compliance of the Judgement of the Supreme Court dated 18th December, 1996, rules for interception, etc., of telephone messages have been framed under Section 7 of the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885. Under these Rules, directions for undertaking interception of telephones are issued under Subsection (2) of Section 5 of the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885 by the Union Home Secretary in the case of Government of India and State Home secretaries in the case of State Governments. As such, information in respect of telephones including Mobile phones being tapped in each State is neither available with nor maintained by the Central Government.

Foreign contributions received by the Leaders of Narmada Bachao Andolan

3539. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Narmada Bachao Andolan or its leaders received foreign contribution since the commencement of their agitation; and

(b) if so, the amount in Indian rupees and the names of the donors and donee, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) The matter is being looked into under the provisions of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976.